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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE

1. TWO INDIAN CORRESPONDENTS BASED IN LONDON HAVE WRITTEN STORIES ON LAST WEEK'S NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS' MEETING. THE HINDU STORY (JUNE 21 BY BATUK GATHANI) NOTES THAT INDIA AND CHINA WERE NOT INVITED AND OBSERVES THAT "OBVIOUSLY THIS COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO GANG UP AND ENSURE THAT NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY IS NOT MADE AVAILABLE TO THE THIRD WORLD DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." THE STORY NOTES THAT "WESTERN DIPLOMATS ONE TALKS TO ARE TRYING TO EVADE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ABSENCE OF INDIA AND CHINA AT THIS MEETING AND SURPRISINGLY BOTH DELHI AND PEKING HAVE WATCHED THIS DEVELOPMENT IN LONDON WITH A SENSE OF DETACHMENT AND PERHAPS SOME AMUSEMENT BECAUSE OF THE 'HIDE AND SEEK' STYLE OF THIS GATHERING. "THE STATESMAN STORY (JUNE 23 BY V.M. NAIR) DESCRIBES THE MEETING AS PRODUCING NO AGREEMENT AND SAYS SOME PARTICIPANTS WERE REPORTEDLY CHARY OF IMPOSING OPTIONS# "WHICH WOULD POSSIBLY LEAD TO THEIR LOSING MULTI-

MILLION DOLLAR ORDERS." IT ALSO NOTED THE INDIANS AND CHINESE WERE NOT REPRESENTED OR INVITED.

2. THESE STORIES HAVE RUN IN PARALLEL WITH REPORTS ON THE WEST GERMAN-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR DEAL, WHICH V.M. NAIR DESCRIBES AS "DESTROYING THE SOLIDARITY OF THE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY EXPORTING COUNTRIES WHO EXPRESSED UNDUE ALARM OVER LAST YEAR'S UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST BY INDIA.....THE WEST GERMAN-BRAZILIAN DEAL,

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IT IS NOW FEARED, MAY WELL TRIGGER OFF A SCRAMBLE BY OTHER NA-

TIONS TO ABANDON THEIR SELF-IMPOSED RESTRAINT TO SECURE REACTOR AND OTHER NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT ORDERS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THE RICH OIL PRODUCERS."

3. THE UK HIGH COMMISSION INFORMS US THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED SOME GENERAL GUIDANCE ON THE SUPPLIERS' CONFERENCE. THEY ALSO INFORM US THAT THE BRITISH CONSIDER THAT JOHN THOMPSON, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S EXPERT ON NUCLEAR MATTERS, FLOATED IN GENERAL TERMS TO THE INDIANS DURING HIS VISIT HERE IN MARCH AN INQUIRY AS TO WHETHER THE INDIANS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING ALONG WITH THE OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS LESS CHINA IFLA GENERAL UNDERTAKING AND AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR EXPORTS. THE INDIAN RESPONSE WAS THAT FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS THEY COULD NOT DO SO ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS. THE HICOM'S GUIDANCE INCLUDES AUTHORIZATION TO REMIND THE INDIANS OF THIS SHOULD THE INDIANS RAISE ANY QUESTION ABOUT THEIR ABSENCE FROM THE LONDON MEETING.

4. THE ONLY GOI COMMENT OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE ON THE WEST GERMAN-BRAZILIAN DEAL IS THAT BY IAEC CHAIRMAN SETHNA REPORTED IN NEW DELHI 8188 LAST WEEK. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING GENERAL BACKGROUND AND GUIDANCE ABOUT BOTH THE LONDON MEETING AND THE WEST GERMAN-BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS ON SETHNA'S "UNDERSTANDING" THAT THE US HAD ALSO BID ON THE BRAZILIAN CONTRACT, EARLIER REQUESTED IN OUR MESSAGE. SETHNA'S OBSERVATION THAT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW LONG INDIA WOULD STICK BY ITS "NO EXPORT" POLICY IF OTHERS WERE GOING TO PROVIDE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY IS THE FIRST INDICATION BY A RESPONSIBLE INDIAN OFFICIAL THAT THE INDIAN POLICY MAY COME UNDER REVIEW. OUR IGNORANCE ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS WHOLE AREA MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR US TO RESPOND TO OR DEAL WITH THIS SUBJECT.  
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